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SUBJECT: ALLEGED GREEK INTEREST IN ACQUIRING F-104 AIR-
CRAFT FROM FRG

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY LOCAL ENTREPRENEUR
WITH REQUEST THAT WE PROVIDE LETTER STATING THAT WE WOULD
HAVE NO OBJECTION TO TRANSFER OF FOUR TF-104 AND SIX F-104
AIRCRAFT FROM THE FRG TO GREECE. HE PROVIDED US WITH FLOW
CHART TRACING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION.

2. THE GOG IS ALLEGEDLY REPRESENTED BY AN UNNAMED
"RANKING MILITARY OFFICIAL" WHO HAS AUTHORIZED AN AGENT TO
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ACT IN BEHALF OF THE GOG. THE AGENT IS LISTED AS COMTE
MAURICE DE MOHL OF CELOTEX-FRANCE, 24 RUE VIDNON, PARIS,
WHO "HAS ACTED IN SUCH CAPACITY FOR THE GREECE GOVERNMENT
IN THE PAST AND WILL BE COMPENSATED BY THE BUYER FOR HIS
SERVICES." THE FINDERS ARE SHOWN AS FRANCIS DUPUY,
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, INTERWORLD TRADING CO., LTD., ;
CALIFORNIA; DON DEERING, DEERING AIRCRAFT SUPPLIES, 3280

CHERRY AVE., LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA; SAMUEL EDWARD SMITH, PRESIDENT, CALUMET ENTERPRISES, INC., 1019 19TH ST., N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C.; AND HAROLD D. LANG, PRESIDENT, HALNOR CORP., 2335 E. HERMOSA DR., TEMPE, ARIZONA. THE SELLER'S AGENT IS LISTED AS MR. MOSS, TITAN INTERNATIONAL CORP., 2 TITAN DR., SPRING VALLEY, N.Y. INCLUDED AMONG DOCUMENTS HANDED TO DEPARTMENT ARE SEVERAL MEMOS DISCUSSING COMMISSION FEES TO BE EARNED BY THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS, AS WELL AS COPY OF LETTER BY SMITH TO SEN. SARBANE'S OFFICE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING DEPARTMENT APPROVAL OF TRANSACTION.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH LOCAL LOCKHEED REP, GERMAN EMBASSY AIR ATTACHE, COL. RUDOLF ERLEMANN, STATED THAT SMITH HAS CONTACTED HIM BUT DID NOT MENTION GREEK TRANSACTION. INSTEAD, SMITH CLAIMED "SOMEONE FROM THAILAND" WAS INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING 100 GERMAN F-104S. ERLEMANN INFORMED SMITH THAT FRG HAS NO F-104GS AVAILABLE FOR THIRD PARTIES AT PRESENT TIME. ERLEMANN HAS BEEN TOLD THAT WE WILL BE RAISING PROPOSED GREEK TRANSACTION IN BONN. HE SAID HE WOULD REPORT THE MATTER TO FMOD. HE TOLD LOCKHEED REP THAT HE RECEIVES NUMEROUS SIMILAR ENQUIRIES ON F-104S, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT FRG WOULD NOT DEAL WITH PRIVATE ENTREPRENEURS.

4. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO ASK HOST GOVERNMENT-
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MENTS IF THEY ARE CONTEMPLATING TRANSFER OF F-104 AIRCRAFT. YOU MAY AT YOUR DISCRETION REFER TO INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES LISTED PARA 2 ABOVE. POINT YOU SHOULD MAKE IS THAT BECAUSE SUCH THIRD PARTY TRANSFERS ARE HANDLED ON GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT BASIS, COMPLICATED SYSTEM OF MIDDLEMEN AND AGENTS APPEARS TO US TO BE UNNECESSARY. IF PROPOSED TRANSACTION IS INDEED CONTEMPLATED, WE WOULD STILL NEED, REGARDLESS OF AGENTS' ACTIVITIES, FORMAL REQUEST FROM FRG FOR USG APPROVAL OF TRANSFER. AS REQUIRED BY US LAW, WE WOULD THEN NOTIFY CONGRESS AND OBTAIN TRANSFER ASSURANCES FROM GOG PRIOR TO GRANTING FINAL US CONSENT TO FRG FOR TRANSFER. ANY ROLE OF AGENTS IS STRICTLY A MATTER BETWEEN GERMAN AND GREEK AUTHORITIES. VANCE

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